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SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR MR. MARTIN PITT.

1. MARTIN GEORGE HENRY PITT, NEW SOUTH WALES STATE ORGANIZER FOR THE ELECTRICAL TRADES UNION OF AUSTRALIA (ETU) PLANS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES BEGINNING JUNE 19 AND ENDING JULY 9, 1974. PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL US, HE WILL HAVE ATTENDED AN IMF ASIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN TOKYO AND A MEETING OF THE CANADIAN LABOR CONGRESS IN OTTAWA.

2. THROUGH PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE MR. PITT'S UNION HAS ARRANGED A PARTIAL PROGRAM IN THE WASHINGTON AREA WITH MR. JOSEPH D. KEENAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS (IBEW).

3. FURTHER, HE PLANS TO GO TO NEW YORK ON JULY 9 WHERE HIS UNION HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MR. VAN ARSDALE OF LOCAL 3 IBEW AND MR. TRENZ OF LOCAL 463 OF THE IUE.

4. AFTER JULY 9 MR. PITT PRESENTLY PLANS TO VISIT THE UK AND AFTER A BRIEF PROGRAM THERE WILL RETURN TO AUSTRALIA VIA THE UNITED STATES WITH BRIEF PROGRAMING TIME AVAILABLE IN SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES AND
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5. LABATT WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE MR. PITT'S PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY IN HIS CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN UNIONS IN HIS FIELD. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ARRANGING MODERATE ACCOMMODATION AND CONTACT ON ARRIVAL. HE IS ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON JUNE 19 ON FLT. AA-463 AT 1230 HRS. PLEASE ADVISE NAME OF WASHINGTON HOTEL. BIOGRAPHIC DATA IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: MARTIN GEORGE HENRY PITT.

PLACE &
DATE OF BIRTH: PORT KEMBLA, NEW SOUTH WALES
DECEMBER 17, 1930.

CITIZENSHIP: AUSTRALIA.

HOME ADDRESS: 136 MILITARY ROAD, PORT KEMBLA, NSW.

ACADEMIC
TRAINING: APPRENTICESHIP,
AUSTRALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
COLLEGE.

PRESENT
OCCUPATION: STATE ORGANIZER IN CHARGE OF
WOLLONGONG REGIONAL OFFICE,
ELECTRICAL TRADES UNION OF AUSTRALIA.

MEMBERSHIP
IN PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS: INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SOCIETY OF NSW.

PLANNED
ACTIVITIES
IN THE U.S.: STUDY DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRICAL
INDUSTRY AND LABOR UNION
ORGANIZATION.

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COMMENT: MR. PITT HAS BEEN HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY HIS UNION OFFICIALS, SEVERAL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN LABOR GRANTEES IN YEARS PAST. MR. PITT HAS AN ASSURED PROFESSIONAL CAREER IN HIS UNION AND IS IDENTIFIED AS A YOUNG, ABLE AND AGGRESSIVE TRADE UNIONIST.
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